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Professor Andrew C. Lawson,  
University of California.

Dear Professor Lawson:

I am glad that you will accept the honorary degree of Doctor of Science, though possibly we may not be able to have you here to get it on the 21st of May.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science was instituted two years ago particularly for the purpose of showing honour to those who have contributed greatly to the advancement of science. As a rule we have suggestions made by members of our scientific staff as to those whom we should honour in this respect. Last year it was given to Dr. Ruttan of McGill and to Dr. Scott of Ottawa. The LL.D. is a somewhat less formal honorary degree, not nearly so specific. At the time it probably did not occur to us to give the degree of Doctor of Science to the visiting zoologists. In a certain sense these men were chosen formally to represent the Congress, while of course their individual distinction was also recognised. I do not think that in our minds there exists any idea that the one degree is more honourable than the other. I should say that the one is more specific and marks the particular line of work in which we desire to recognise the distinction that has been attained by those who will take the degree.

Yours sincerely,

President.